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Re: Inyo County Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Gretz:

Having reviewed Inyo County's OHV Planning grant, we question its motive, its expense and its feasibility.

Inyo County is made up primarily of Federal lands (92%) and State lands (2.4%). Only 1.7% of lands are in private ownership and under county jurisdiction. As you know, OHV travel is not permitted in Death Valley National Park, and lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of land management have recently undergone extensive analysis and mapping. Inyo National Forest recently added over 900 miles of new OHV routes to their system, which appear on their Motor Vehicle Use Maps. The Vehicle Code restricts OHV travel on county roads. It appears this planning effort is an effort to expand OHV opportunity into areas either not designated by federal land managers, or onto county roads, not allowed by law.

The county is not in a position to designate new OHV opportunity, unless it proposes development of a County-owned and operated OHV facility. Therefore, we oppose this grant of \$119,729 as a waste of state money.

Sincerely,

Karen Schambach  
California Field Director

Cc: OHMVR